

May 4, 2007

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
12th Street Lobby, TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: *Ex Parte* Communication, PS Docket No. 06-229; WT Docket Nos. 96-86, 01-108, 06-150, 06-169**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 3, 2007, Steve Largent, President and Chief Executive Officer, CTIA – The Wireless Association® (“CTIA”), had a telephone conversation with Commissioner Robert McDowell and Angela Giancarlo, Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell to discuss pending issues in the 700 MHz proceeding. Mr. Largent discussed CTIA’s support for the Commission’s ongoing efforts to ensure the CMRS industry has access to the spectrum it needs to continue to innovate and serve more than 230 million mobile wireless subscribers. Mr. Largent noted that this goal is particularly timely as mobile wireless carriers respond to growing consumer demand for higher-bandwidth mobile wireless broadband services. Specific to the 700 MHz auction, Mr. Largent expressed concerns about: (1) A proposal to impose geographic buildout obligations on 700 MHz licensees; (2) A proposal to prevent existing mobile wireless providers from bidding on 700 MHz licenses; (3) The Frontline Wireless, LLC proposal to impose a host of regulatory obligations on entities that obtain a proposed E Block license in the upper 700 MHz bands; and (4) The *Ad Hoc* Public Interest Spectrum Coalition proposal to apply open access and *Carterfone* rules to at least 30 MHz of the 60 MHz of 700 MHz spectrum being auctioned. Mr. Largent separately discussed the wireless industry’s concerns about a proposal to extend the analog transmission sunset date beyond February 18, 2008.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s Rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul W. Garnett

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cc: Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Angela Giancarlo